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In re the application of: Albrecht, Hans P., *et al.*

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**REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to file an Appeal Brief. In lieu of filing an Appeal Brief, a Rule 53 (d) continued prosecution application is being filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$110.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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